Venus 60th Degree and Order Gravity Field With Cycle 5 Magellan Data

A.S. Konopliy and W.L. Sjogren (both at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA 91 109; 818-354-6105; e-mail: ask@krait.jpl.nasa, gov)

Cycle 5 data collection began on August 6, 1993 when the Magellan spacecraft completed the aerobraking phase. This adjustment in apoapse altitude from 8500km to 550 km has added substantial information to the gravity field especially in the previously neglected high latitude bands. These results present the latest reductions of the data into a 60th degree and order spherical harmonic gravity field. 'I'he determination of the harmonic rms spectrum, correlation with topography, and associated errors will be discussed. The gravity improvement over **Ishtar** Terra will also be presented.

The research described in this article was carried out at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA under contract to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

1.1994 Spring Meeting

2.001229826

3. (a) A.S. Konopliv Jet Propulsion Lab M/S 301-125J Pasadena. Ca 91109 (b) Tel: 818-354-6105 (c) Fax:818-393-6388

4. P

5. (a) PO1 Is Venus Past Its Prime? (b) 5420

1219

6---

7. O%

8.\$60 check enclosed

9. C

10. None

11. No